

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

Improvisation

***THE DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

(Hymn 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome these children into Christ's church.
We are the family of God for we are all one in Christ.

THE BAPTISMAL RESPONSE

Baptized in Water
Chancel Choir

***THE HYMN 122**

Thine Is the Glory

***THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***THE CHORAL RESPONSE**

Amen from The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lurkin

***THE POSTLUDE**

Christ lag in Todes Banden

J.S. Bach



April 12, 2015
11 a.m. Worship

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Thank you for making sure your cell phone is off during the worship hour.

THE GATHERING

Baron Mullis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PRELUDE*Prelude in F Major*

J.S. Bach

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Faith begins by letting go, by giving up what had seemed sure.

People: **Faith begins by taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure.**

Leader: Fed with the promise of the gospel, our souls will thrive, not through merit we possess, but by God's great faithfulness.

People: **Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts, sharing struggles, living prayers, and binding up the broken parts.**

Leader: Let us worship our faithful, loving God and our risen Savior. Amen.

- (Hymn 684, *Glory to God*)

***THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN 111** *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

THE CALL TO CONFESSION**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O Lord, it is not easy for us to stand firmly in our faith. In times of doubt and fear our confidence is shaken, and we are quick to abandon our trust in you. When we are lost, we may seek a path of our own. When it is dark, we may seek a light of our own. Gracious God forgive our doubts and our fears. We ask that you give us the courage to remember, that in Jesus Christ you chose to be with us and will always remain by our side. When we are lost your grace guides us and when it is dark the light of your love leads us. For it is through Christ that we will always return to your loving embrace. Amen.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE *(for examination of conscience and personal prayers of confession)*

* *(The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when the congregation is invited to stand as they are able.)*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all.

People: **But if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Leader: Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!** - 1 John: 1:5-7

*** THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

(Hymn 119)

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won. The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

*** THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*(Children ages 3-10 are invited to leave after the **Peace of Christ** for special classes. Threes, fours & fives are in Room 011; K-3rd grade in Room 001; 4th-5th grade in worship).*

THE CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Visitors and members are invited to sign the blue friendship register pad and pass it down the pew.)

THE EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

(page 114 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE ANTHEM*How Beautiful Upon The Mountains*

Carter

THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(page 108 in the pew Bible, NT)

THE SERMON*"Unlock and Open the Door"*

Josh Stanley

THE HYMN 399We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary during worship. Should you find that your child grows restless, there is child care available. Infants/toddlers are cared for in the Nursery in Room 105, two year olds in Room 012.

ELDER ON CALL: Will Barnette 404.881.9616

DEACON ON CALL: Sarah Brownlee 404.403.8063

USHERS: Amanda Lewis, Temple Elliott, Brenda Fishpaw, Nancy Lane

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION HOST: Sandy Jones

GREETERS: Bill and Cindy Humphries, Jane Stack, Gail Kitchens

COUNTERS: Debbie Fox, Martin Dunlap

INFANT/TODDLER VOLUNTEER: Hillery McNeill

TWOS/THREES VOLUNTEER: David Johnston

3s, 4s, & 5s VOLUNTEERS: Carol Senf, Sue Ballay

K-3rd GRADE VOLUNTEERS: Angie Keller, Jill Davis, Betty Treschitta

PLEASE JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. - Philippians 4:6-7

Keep in your prayers...

Baby Vivian (Antenucci's grandniece)

Grace Bittick (daughter of former members

Charles and Mimi Bittick)

Baby Burkhalter (Jill Klotz's friend's child)

Georgiana Burnside (Ted Fleming's cousin)

Sandra Crawford

Connie Crowley (Hugh Bell's sister-in-law)

Mary Edwards (Pam Sharpe's mother)

Hamilton Family (friends of the Nuckols)

Karen Hancock and family (Shirley Adair's friend)

Ann Herndon (Will's mother)

Penny Hill (Executive Presbyter)

Finley Holaway

Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson: Kaitlin

Andry, Melanie Donnelly, Ellen Hardeman,

Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson Smith,

Warren Johnson, Sr.

Vicky Langford (James Beasley's mother)

Rhett Laurens (Sarah and Richard Brownlee's neighbor)

Grace Lazzaro

Philip Marshall (Georgia Marshall's brother-in-law)

Jan McMahan

Marilyn Neforas (Hugh Bell's friend)

Anne and Nate Reid

Linda and Mike Robinson (Bill Smith's family)

Greg and Mary Ann Smith and family (friends of the Bach family)

Kent Smith (Hugh Bell's friend)

Stewart Family (Preschool family)

Jennifer and Jason Swafford (Sandy Jones' friends)

Grady Ulep

John Vytal (Katy Watts' father)

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Welcome to worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church. **Josh Stanley**, Ministry Intern, will be our preacher, and **Baron Mullis**, Senior Pastor, will be our liturgist. Please complete the information in the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass the pads down and back again during the *Concerns* portion of worship. Worship notebooks and books for children are in the library. Nursery for infants and toddlers is in Room 105; 2-3 year olds are in Room 012. Children ages 2-10 are invited to leave after the *Peace of Christ* for special classes: Fours and fives in Room 011; K-3rd grade in Room 001; 4th-5th grade in worship.

SERVICE MUSIC

"Christ lag in Todes Banden" ("Christ lay in the bonds of death") is a chorale written by Martin Luther and was published in 1524. Shortly after, it was published with a traditional Eastertide melody. The title and first line are sometimes rendered *Christ lag in Todesbanden*. This seven-verse chorale references the struggle between life and death, ultimately celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. We hear this in Bach's setting. As the tune ascends, the pedal descends with fast sixteenth note runs.

FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Ellen and Jim Landers in honor of their fourth wedding anniversary.

BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY

This morning Nash Burke, son of Allen and Claire Burke; Tristin Loomis, granddaughter of Debbie Loomis; Anna McKelvey, daughter of Jim McKelvey and Melanie Davidson; and Sofia Zook, daughter of Nathan and Julie Zook, will receive the sacrament of baptism.

MEDITATION GROUP

Morningside's meditation and discussion group will meet tonight, April 12 at 5:30 at the home of Pam and Ken Sharpe (1700 Timberland Road, Atlanta, 30345). A light dinner will be served. RSVP to kensharpe@bellsouth.net.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Come join us for breakfast and fellowship this Wednesday, April 15, at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee, a good breakfast, a devotional, and encouraging, lively discussion—what better way to re-charge midway through the week? Contact Allen Burke allen_n_burke@hotmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

YOGA AND WEIGHTS

Spring Yoga at Morningside will begin its 4th year Tuesday, April 21 in Room 201 at 11 a.m.! And its complement, Weights to the Oldies, will begin April 23. Please join teacher Pam Sharpe and her wonderful students for all the fun and benefits that yoga and weight training can bring. For questions, please contact Pam Sharpe yogapam@bellsouth.net.

THURSDAY THEOLOGY

Engage with a small but lively group of members hashing out theological terms with Baron in his office this Thursday, April 16, at 12:30 p.m.

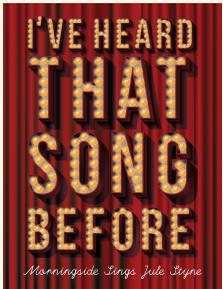
LGBT & FRIENDS

The next meeting of LGBT & Friends is coming up on Tuesday, April 21. The evening's guest speaker will be John Blevins who will discuss *The impact of the U.S. Global HIV Policy on LGBT communities in Africa*. All are welcome to join us for fellowship, dinner and an enriching discussion from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Peter and Carolyn Cobb (1150 St. Charles Place, 30306).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! JUNGLE JAM IS APRIL 25

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's spring carnival, Jungle Jam, will be Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have bounce houses, a petting zoo, train, face painting, King of POPS, and activities for kids of all ages. We will have a separate toddler area for younger kids and an obstacle course bounce house for older kids. Come join the fun! Jungle Jam is the preschool's main spring fundraiser, and the whole neighborhood is invited. We can't make it a success without your help! We hope you will bring your own family, spread the word, and/or sign up for a volunteer shift the day of the event. Go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/409094EABAF2BAA8-jungle1 to pick a shift or for more information contact Sarah Tomaka mpp@morningsidepc.org.

I'VE HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE



Mark your calendars now for May's musical gala *I've Heard That Song Before*-Morningside Singers Jule Styne with the creative team of Organist/Choirmaster Mason Copeland, and Morningside members Derek Matthews and Jeff Pe-

ters with a total cast of 23 from our music programs and congregation. Last year's gala benefit was a great success, and this year's will certainly deliver! Invite your neighbors and friends and join us in Morningside's Sanctuary on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. A voluntary offering benefiting MPC mission and music ministries will be received. Reception follows in Fellowship Hall.

VBS AND MISSION CAMP REGISTRATION

As you plan your summer camps and vacations, don't forget to mark June 15-19 on your calendars for Vacation Bible School and July 20-24 for

Mission Camp. VBS is open to those turning four years old by September 1 through 5th grade. We are pleased to offer a drama camp in conjunction with VBS. Mission Camp is for those who have completed 2nd through 6th grade. Registration forms are on the church website and bulletin boards. Registering early helps us to establish numbers for planning outings, ordering supplies and recruiting volunteers. Contact Melinda Sandkam msandkam@morningsidepc.org with questions including inquiries regarding scholarships.

SPRING MISSIONS

Get your tickets now to support **Our House** programs by attending the *Our Dreams Gala* at Piedmont Park Greystone, 6:30-10:30 p.m., Saturday, April 25. For more info, visit ourhousega.org. Through the end of April, we invite you to bring non-perishable items for **Intown Collaborative Ministries** food pantry (canned meats, hearty soups, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables). Coming in May is the ICM *Arts & Eats* fundraiser Sunday, May 3, 4-7 p.m. Find more info at intowncm.org.

Attendance and Giving Update

WORSHIP COUNT 4/5/2015

8:30 a.m.—128

11 a.m.—306

GIVING—3/29/15

NEEDED WEEKLY—\$16,881

RECEIVED—\$18,448

NEEDED YEAR TO DATE—\$202,572

RECEIVED YEAR TO DATE—\$189,542



Food Trucks Return
Thursday, April 23,
5-8 p.m.

Join us for great food and fellowship!

Faith Development at Morningside

ADULT CLASSES...Next Sunday, the Faith Development class will continue the class *Looking at the Cross* from the *Being Reformed* Series. Philip Hawkins and Daisy Ottmann will co-facilitate the series. Please join us in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES...Today, preschool children will learn about Jesus' Ascension in the story *Good-bye for Now*. Elementary Classes will continue their worship in Rm 001 and follow-up with grade appropriate activities in their graded class rooms.

THIS WEEK AT MORNINGSIDE

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development Class

11 a.m. Worship with Baptism

12 noon Fellowship

12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal; Deacons

5:30 p.m. Meditation Group

6 p.m. Journey

MONDAY, APRIL 13

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

8:15 a.m. MPP Creative Movement

9 a.m. MPP

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1 p.m. MPP Ballet/Tap

7 p.m. Mandolin Society

7:30 p.m. MLPA

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Yoga

1 p.m. Playball; Mini-Monets

2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi

4:30 p.m. Tai Chi

6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers

7 p.m. Preschool Committee

7:30 p.m. Scout Troop 455

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. MusicCanopy; Bricks4Kidz

4:15 p.m. Treble Choir

5 p.m. Cherub Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

9 a.m. MPP

11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies

12:30 p.m. Thursday Theology

1 p.m. Playball

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga

9 a.m. MPP

1 p.m. KidzTennis

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Build

8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers

9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry Collection

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation

9:45 a.m. Faith Development Class

11 a.m. Worship with Baptism/Youth Sunday

12 noon Fellowship; Youth Lunch and Bowling

12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal; Deacons

12:30 p.m. RHO Readers



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One of the first steps toward hiring this individual is to create a job description for the Search Committee to use for candidate selection. Your input and feedback are vital to the success of this hiring process. We want to hear from you regarding what you envision this person doing for you, your family and for future families and children at Morningside.

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